Number of workers and employees

439. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers and employees in Government and non-Government recognized establishment in the country in the years 2000-01 and 2003-04; and

(b) the number of unemployed youths as per the employment exchange registers in the year 2003-04 in the category of 'undergraduate' 'graduate' 'post-graduate and professional degree holders'?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SISH RAM OLA): (a) Estimated employment in the Public Sector (Government, Quasi Government and Local Bodies) and private sector as on 31st March 2001 and 2002 (latest available) is given below:

Employment (in lakhs)

Year	Public Sector	Private Sector	Total
2001	191.38	86.52	277.89
2002	187.73	84.32	272.06

(b) Education level-wise distribution of Job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges in the country as on 31st December 2002 (Latest available) is given in the Statement. (*see* below).

Statement

No. of educated jobseekers (10th Class Passed and above) on the live register of Employment Exchanges as on 31.12.2002 *classified by educational levels.*

Sl. No.	Education Level	Number (in thousands)
1.	Undergraduate (10th and 10+2 Passed)	24557.2
2.	Graduate	4303.9
3.	Post Graduates	806.8

1	2	3
3A.	Professional (Graduates including Post Graduates) included in Item 2 & 3	—
I.	Science	957.2
II.	Engineering	210.2
III.	Medicine	46.2
IV.	Veterinary	6.7
V.	Agriculture	35.0
VI.	Law	20.6
	GRAND TOTAL 1+2+3	29667.9

Labour reforms

440. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to undertake labour reforms in the context of post-reforms scenario;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the precautions proposed to be taken to protect the genuine interests of the working classes so that they do not fall a prey to the programme of market reforms?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SISH RAM OLA): (a) to (c) Labour Reforms essentially mean taking steps to increase production, productivity and employment opportunities in the economy while protecting overall interests of labour. It implies skill development, retraining, redeployment, updating knowledge base of worker-teachers etc. It may require some changes in labour laws which need to be accomplished after detailed consultations with the social partners with a view to harmonize the interests of all stake holders. Labour Reforms are a continuous process.

Skilled labourers

†441. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have identified the number

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.